

REMARKS

Applicant has the following response to the Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-14 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Eguchi et al. (US 4,741,976). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicant traverses this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant is amending independent Claims 1-4 to recite that an electric current flow direction through the first electroluminescent film is different from that through the second electroluminescent film. This feature is supported by, for example, Mode 2 on pages 12 et seq. of the English translation of the present application as filed.

It is respectfully submitted that this feature is not disclosed or suggested by Eguchi. Accordingly, Claims 1-14 are patentable thereover, and it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicant is also adding new Claims 15-31. Applicant believes that independent Claims 15 and 16 are supported by, for example, Mode 2 on pages 12 et seq. et seq. of the English translation of the present application as filed, while independent Claims 17-19 are supported by, for example, Embodiment 2 at pages 19 et seq. of the English translation of the present application as filed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that these new claims be entered and considered at this time. If any fee should be due for these new claims, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Related Co-Pending Applications

The Examiner also requests that Applicant provide serial numbers for any related copending applications. Applicant believes that application serial number 10/309,843 (attorney docket no. 0553-0342) is a possible related copending application.

1449 Form

The Examiner also crossed out the citation to “International Search Report for application no. PCT/JP2004/000206 dated February 24, 2004” on the 1449 form from the IDS of June 15, 2004 (received by the Patent Office on June 21, 2004). The undersigned spoke with the Examiner who believes that this citation was crossed-out in error. Accordingly, Applicant is submitting herewith another 1449 form with this citation for the Examiner to initial, showing his consideration of the document.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant is preparing a new information disclosure statement (IDS) for this application. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter and consider this IDS prior to the issuance of any further action for this application.

Conclusion


Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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